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A. FORMALITIES AND PROCEDURES

Italy: Government action to facilitate health and phytosanitary examinations*** Since August 1980, certain types of vegetable produce (such as stripped timber, excluding oak, and cereals) have no longer been subject to compulsory phytopathological inspection at frontier transit stations. This inspection will now be optional and may, at the request of the competent phytopathological authorities, also be conducted at non-frontier stations within the Italian railway network.

Ref. 81-218; Source: ECE document TRANS/SC.2/R.85/Add.3.

Italy: Consideration of the possibility of submitting Customs documents in advance in order to speed up the movement of wagons across frontiers*** In 1980, a system of advance Customs clearance was introduced at Fortezza for perishable goods exported via the Brenner route; under this system the Customs documents are sent ahead by passenger train and presented before the wagons arrive.

Ref. 81-219; Source: ECE document TRANS/SC.2/R.85/Add.3.

United Kingdom: New Customs and Excise entry processing system*** Customs and Excise is introducing a new national computerized system for processing entries of imported goods. Input of information to the computer about imported goods will be made via visual display terminals operated by both Customs staff and traders. An essential feature of the new system for traders will be the introduction of a new series of Customs entry forms which will replace those at present in use. Customs is producing a guide to the new system which includes details on how the forms are to be completed, and this will be published in December 1981 for distribution to importers and traders.

Ref. 81-220; Source: British Business, Vol. 5, No. 16, 14 August 1981.

Deadline for contributions

Participants are requested to submit their contributions to Trade Facilitation News, No. 40, by 30 January 1982

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United States of America: Simplified release cargo procedure is gaining acceptance* Two more ocean carriers, Maersk line and sea-land, have recently introduced a simplified procedure applicable on straight consignments which allows release of cargo without awaiting arrival of bills of lading.

Previously such arrangements were offered by the American President Line, Atlantic Container Line, United States Lines, Farrell Lines and Dart Container Line Company.

Ref, 81-221; Source: NCITD Newsletter, No. 85, 25 September 1981.

B. DOCUMENTATION, STANDARDS AND ALIGNED FORMS

ECE: Recommendation No. 18 on Facilitation Measures Related to International Trade Procedures*** At its fourteenth session held in Geneva on 24-25 September 1981, th Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures adopted texts to be included in Recommendation No. 18 on Facilitation Measures related to International Trade Procedures. The text of the Recommendation itself had been adopted earlier by the Working Party at its twelfth session held in Geneva on 25-26 September 1980.

The Recommendation (and the texts) is being published as document TRADE/WP.4/INF.78:TD/B/FAL/INF.78.

Ref. 81-222; Source: ECE.

ECE: First instalments of two ECE/UNCTAD Directories*** First instalments of the ECE/UNCTAD Directory of Trade Data Elements (TDED) and the Trade Data Interchange Directory (TDID) were issued in September 1981, and are available to interested organizations from the ECE and UNCTAD secretariats.

Detailed descriptions of the composition and contents of the TDED and TDID were given in ECE/UNCTAD information documents TRADE/WP.4/INF.76:TD/B/FAL/INF.76 and TRADE/WP.4/INF.77:TD/B/FAL/INF.77, respectively.

Ref. 81-223; Source: ECE.

United Kingdom: New Dangerous Goods Note*** The simplification of International Trade Procedures Board (SITPRO) issued the new SITPRO Dangerous Goods Note (DGN) for all surface modes of transport. The DGN gives exporters a standard method of providing information about their consignments and combines in one document the functions of the application/declaration, standard shipping note and container/vehicle packing certificate. Although the DGN does not replace the CMR International Road Consignment Note or the CIM International Rail Consignment Note, it can be used with either of these forms for road and rail transport, respectively. Where the CMR or CIM is not prepared by the exporter, the DGN provides a back-up document, as well as meeting the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1978, as currently amended, for the sea leg of the journey.

Ref. 81-224; Source: SITPRO News, No. 17, September 1981.

United Nations: Implementation of Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods is advocated*** By resolution 1981/3 the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, took note of the Recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the listing, classification, packing and transport of additional products; requested the Secretary-General to circulate the Recommendations as soon as possible to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency; and urged these Governments and organizations to take account of the Committee's Recommendations when developing national and international codes and regulations.

Ref. 81-225; Source: United Nations, Document E/36/3/Rev.1.

United States of America: Two publications on trade facilitation*** The United States National Committee on International Trade Documentation (NCITD) has issued two educational booklets: "Expediting Cargo Release through Standard Letters of Guarantee/Indemnity", which describes the delivery of ocean cargo without surrender of original bills of lading; and "Ocean Bill of Lading - Identification and Location of Transportation Data Elements", which represents an updating of the Ocean bill of lading, aligned to the U.S. Standard Master.

Ref. 81-226; Source: NCITD Newsletter, No. 85, 25 September 1981.

C. DATA TECHNIQUES, TERMINOLOGY, CODES

SWIFT: Telex-teleprinter to be phased out*** No telex interfaces will be allowed in new countries connecting to the SWIFT system, and the existing telex and teleprinter interfaces -- prime and backup - will be eliminated country by country as of the time of replacement of current Regional Processors by the Delta equipment starting in autumn 1982. Among the factors which led the SWIFT to this decision are the following:

- telex and teleprinter interfaces are low security connections;
- they have a very slow transmission speed;
- they are subject to transmission errors;
- they have restricted character sets;
- they are non-intelligent.

Two terminal systems: ST 100 and ST 50 - developed specifically to meet the requirements of SWIFT member and user banks -- are offered as a replacement.

Ref. 81-227; Source: SWIFT Newsletters, Nos. 81/8, 9 and 11, August, September and November 1981.

United Nations: Guidelines for establishing new information systems*** The document entitled "Planning for the Implementation of New Information Systems within the Organizations of the United Nations Family", prepared by the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems in close co-operation with the UNISIST programme, presents guidelines to be considered when new information systems are

established. Chapters are included on the problems of administering information services, the sequence and phasing of systems design and planning, user participation information acquisition and dissemination, etc.

The document is available from the IOB secretariat, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

Ref. 81-228; Source: IOB Newsletter, Vol. 4 and 5, September 1981.

CCC: Revision of Glossary of International Customs Terms*** In 1980 the Customs Co-operation Council initiated a review of its Glossary of International Customs Terms and adopted new introductory notes and a first set of seventy five terms. An additional set of some 37 terms was adopted by the Customs Co-operation Council at its fifty-seventh/fifty-eighth sessions in June 1981.

Ref. 81-229; Source: ECE document TRANS/GE.6/R.38, 17 August 1981.

D. ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETINGS

ICC: A new Commission on Computing Policy*** The new Commission on Computing, Telecommunications and Information Policies held its first Meeting on 23 June 1981. It begins with the impetus already created by the Working Party on Transborder Data Flows which prepared the ICC input into the recent CECD, Council of Europe and EEC projects in this area (see ICC Information Nos. 2 and 3/80). It replaces the former Commission on Postal and Telecommunications Services.

Highlights of this first meeting were: formation of a group led by Joan Spero (United States of America) to consider the ICC approach to demands now arising in developing countries in this area; agreement on the preparation of policy statements on both transborder data and telecommunications issues for submission to the 21 November Council session.

Ref. 81-230; Source: ICC Information, No. 2/81.

UPU: Electronic mail is under study** According to the directives of the last congress held in Rio de Janeiro in 1979, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) conducts studies on the transformation and adaptation of postal services resulting from the technological progress and new needs of users. The future of the post and electronic mail occupies first place among the principal studies conducted by UPU.

Ref. 81-231; Source: UPU Press Release.

FIATA: Organizational Charts*** An organizational chart of FIATA has been published in FIATA News No. 81/3. It is reproduced as Annex I to the present document.

Ref. 81-232; Source: FIATA News, 81/3.

EEC: New plan of action for information and documentation*** A new plan of action for information and documentation for the period 1981-1983 was approved by the EEC Council of Ministers on 27 July 1981. The plan is aimed primarily at the consolidation of Euronet DIANE as a public on-line information service and the accelerated development of high-quality European data bases.

Ref. 81-233; Source: Euronet DIANE News, No. 24, September 1981.

Canada: Federal Government Interest Group on Automated Information Preparation and Interchange*** A special Interest Group on Automated Information Preparation and Interchange (AIPI) including representatives from different departments of the Federal Government of Canada has been set up. Its purpose is "standardization in the field of text preparation and interchange, including facsimile and videotex." The Group will help to co-ordinate the various programmes of the Federal Government concerning automated text preparation and interchange.

Ref. 81-234; Source: COSTPRO Newsletter, No. 10, July/August 1981.

SWIFT: SIBOS 181*** The SWIFT International Banking Operations Seminar (SIBOS) was held in Düsseldorf (Federal Republic of Germany) on 21-25 September 1981. The presentations and panel discussions were grouped in five streams under the following titles:

- SWIFT's role in international banking;
- Technology aiding banking;
- Bank solutions;
- Banking practice - responsibility and liability;
- SWIFT aid.

Nearly 1,000 participants from 32 countries attended.

Ref. 81-235; Source: SWIFT Newsletter, 81/10 October 1981.

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Calendar of meetings 1/

+82 01 11-15	ISO	TC/97/SC 18/WG 5 "Computers and information processing/ Text preparation and interchange/Text preparation and presentation", first meeting (Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany).
+82 01 18-21	ISO	TC/97/SC 18/WG 4 "Computers and information processing/ Text preparation and interchange/Procedures for text interchange", first meeting (Paris, France).
82 02 01-05	ECE	Inland Transport Committee, forty-second session (Geneva, Switzerland).
82 03 01-04	ECE	Seventh Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies (Geneva, Switzerland).

1/ As communicated by the secretariats of the organizations concerned.

+/ New item; or addition to, or change in, previous information.

Calendar of meetings (continued)

82 03 08-11	ECE	Group of Rapporteurs on Customs Questions concerning Transport, twenty-seventh session (Geneva, Switzerland)
82 03 08-12	CCC	Working Party on Computer Applications in Customs, fifteenth session (Brussels, Belgium).
82 03 15-19	ECE	Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures, fifteenth session, and its two Groups of Experts, twenty-fifth sessions (Geneva, Switzerland).
82 03 22--04 02	ECE	Joint meeting of RID Safety Committee and the ECE Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Geneva, Switzerland).
+82 04 19-23	ISO	TC 97/SC 18 "Computers and information processing/Text preparation and interchange", second meeting (London, United Kingdom).
+82 05 12-15		International Exhibition of Office Equipment (Austria).
+82 05 25-28		International Word Processing Exhibition and Conference (London, United Kingdom).
82 06 08-23	CCITT	Study Group XVIII "Digital networks", second meeting during the 1981-1984 period (Geneva, Switzerland).
82 09 20-24	ECE	Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures, sixteenth session, and its two Groups of Experts, twenty-sixth sessions (Geneva, Switzerland).
+82 09		Thirty-third International Business Machines and Office Equipment (SICOB) (Paris, France).
82 10 18-22	CCITT	Study Group XVII "Data communication over the telephone network", second meeting during the 1981-1984 period (Geneva, Switzerland).
82 11 23--12 03	CCITT	Study Group VIII "Terminal equipment for telematic servi (facsimile, Teletex, Videotex, etc.)", second meeting during the 1981-1984 period (Geneva, Switzerland).
+82 12 06-10	ECE	Committee on the Development of Trade, thirty-first sess (Geneva, Switzerland).
+83 05		International Exhibition of Office Equipment (Ifabo '83) (Austria).
83 06	IBI	Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics (Havana, Cuba).

Calendar of meetings (continued)

+83 09		Thirty-fourth International Business Machines and Office Equipment (SICOB) (Paris, France).
+83 10		International Congress and Exhibition for Computer Systems and their Applications (Systems) (Munich, Federal Republic of Germany).
+83 10 26---11 01	ITU	Fourth World Telecommunications Exhibition (Geneva, Switzerland).
+84	UPU	Nineteenth Universal Postal Congress (Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany).

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E. MISCELLANEOUS

United Nations: Trans-European North-South Motorway Project (TEM) Progress Report**

During 1981 the ten countries participating in the TEM project, as well as the ECE and UNDP, continued their fruitful co-operation. A number of important decisions, especially concerning the allocation of funds for the second phase of the project, were taken at the sixth (January 1981) and seventh (July 1981) sessions of the TEM Steering Committee, and by the Intergovernmental Consultation on the UNDP Regional Programme for Europe in the Third Programming Cycle 1982-1986, held in May 1981. The Project Document for a second phase and the work plan were discussed. The final version of the document was expected to be ready by December 1981.

A map of TEM routes is reproduced in Annex II to the present document.

Ref. 81-236; source: ECE, document TRANS/SC.1/R.125; Press Release ECE/TRANS/8.

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Source to be consulted if more detailed information is desired:

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Asterisks indicate

*** Work accomplished, decisions, measures implemented, conventions, recommendations, standards, etc. adopted.

** Report on work under way, proposals.

* Work planned, projects under study.

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Four delegates / votes per country – Quatre délégués / votes par pays.
Vier Delegierte / Stimmen pro Land

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMITE – VORSTAND
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Vier Delegierte / Stimmen pro Land.

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